MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: If approval is necessary, is the estimate for the new construction submitted to the Travancore Government also for their approval?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Yes. The estimates are submitted to and sanctioned by the Travancore Government.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ റയിൽ വേവരവുചിലവു കണക്കാക്കുന്നതു് തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനകത്തുള്ള ലൈൻ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയാണോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: തിരുവനന്തപുരം മുതൽ തിരുനൽവേലിവരെയുള്ള ലൈനിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയാണ്.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: Secretary of State മായിട്ടുള്ള ഉടമ്പടിയിൽ തിരുനൽവേലിക്കപ്പുറം ലൈൻ ഇറക്കുന്നതിനു നമ്മുടെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ അനുവാദം വേണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: തിരുനൽവേലിക്കപ്പുറം ലൈൻ ഇറക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു നമ്മുടെ അനുവാദം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: വിരുദുനഗർ ലൈൻ ഇറക്കുന്നതുനിമിത്തം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനു നഷ്ടമില്ലേ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: വിരുദുനഗർ ലൈൻ ഇറക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് തിരുവനന്തപുരം തിരുനൽവേലി ലൈനിനു സ്വല്പം നഷ്ടമുണ്ടു്.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: ആ നഷ്ടത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു വല്ല എഴുത്തുകുത്തും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: എഴുത്തുകുത്തു നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

Commitment of Government in the railway enterprise.

28. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have prepared and published any report or memorandum containing a full history and account of their commitments in the railway enterprise?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: No.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to publish one for the information of the people?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Government do not consider it necessary.

Control over Railway lines from Chackai to Tampanur.

29. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether the Railway lines from Chackai to Tampanur and the Railway Stations of Pettah and Tampanur are still in the possession and control of Government or whether they have been surrendered to the Company; and

(*b*) whether these places come within the jurisdiction of the Civil and Criminal Courts in the State?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) They have been handed over to the Company.

(*b*) No.

Report of the Education Reforms Committee.

30. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report of the "Statham Committee"?

MR. K. GEORGE: The report is being printed, and copies are not yet ready.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: As soon as they are received, will the member be pleased to state whether Government will be prepared to place it before the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE: After the report is printed copies will be placed before the House.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the report be placed before any action is taken on it?

MR. K. GEORGE: It will be placed before action on any important point is taken.

MR. K. K. THOMAS: May I know whether the report will be placed before the House before any action as to policy is taken?

MR. K. GEORGE: Yes.

Manager of the Excise Commissioner's Office.

31. MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla cum Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Head clerks in the Excise Commissioner's office are appointed as Managers;

(*b*) whether Head clerks are not lower in rank to First Grade Range Inspectors;

(*c*) whether Managers are sent out as Assistant Commissioners; and

(*d*) if so, whether Government recognise the appointment of Head clerks as Managers on Rs. 125 to Rs. 150 as a supersession of the claims of First Grade Range Inspectors on Rs. 100 to Rs. 125?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) By the appointment of Head clerks as Managers, they do not supersede First Grade Inspectors. For the purpose of further promotion as Assistant Excise Commissioner, First Grade Excise Inspectors who are otherwise seniors are ordinarily given preference.

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